

Remarks

With respect to Claim 1, Applicants show that none of references cited in rejecting Claim 1 in the parent application teach or suggest the claimed feature of

means, responsive to a failure to match said identified set of data storage characteristics with a single one of said storage set of logical data storage device definitions, for creating a new logical device definition using a plurality of said stored set of logical data storage device definitions

In rejecting Claim 1 in the parent application, the Examiner cited Molin Figure 5; Col. 3, line 50 – Col. 4, line 40; and Col. 6, lines 24-53 as teaching this missing claimed element. Applicants show that, to the contrary, Molin teaches that if there is a failure to match, the original target (i.e. existing target) definition is used (Molin Col. 4, lines 36-39; Col. 5, lines 40-48). In other words, a failure to match results in using the current target definition, and does not teach or otherwise suggest creating a new logical device definition, as claimed.

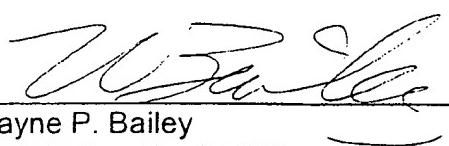
Applicants show that Claim 7 is similarly non-obvious in view of the Allen and Molin references.

Examination of all claims is requested.

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